

6. Merimbula Drive, Market Street and Beach Street, Merimbula – temporary road closures for 2009 *Merimbula Jazz Festival*

This report recommends, subject to conditions, temporary road closures on sections of Merimbula Drive, Market Street and Beach Street for the *Merimbula Jazz Festival* street parade on Saturday 6 June 2009.

Group Manager, Infrastructure Waste & Water

BACKGROUND

10 A submission from organisers proposing temporary road closures on Merimbula Drive, Market Street and Beach Street for the 2009 *Merimbula Jazz Festival* street parade - had been referred to the Local Traffic Committee for consideration.

Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee meeting held on 4 March 2009 have been circulated separately.

A summary of the submission, along with a copy of the covering letter, had been distributed with the Local Traffic Committee agenda and the full 21-page submission was tabled and discussed at the meeting.

During discussion, Cr Pincini advised of issues during the 2008 event with last minute arrangements to use the *Loading Zone* on Beach Street at Twyford Hall for the shuttle bus when the nearby *Bus Zone* on Market Street was not operational, and requested that the Market Street *Bus Zone* be made full time for the duration of the 3-day festival.

20 Requested temporary road closures for the 2009 *Merimbula Jazz Festival* street parade on Saturday 6 June 2009 were:

◇	Merimbula Drive:	Sapphire Coast Dr to Market St	10.30am-11.15am
◇	Market Street:	Main St to Monaro St	10.30am-11.15am
◇	Beach Street:	Market St to Alice St	10.30am-1.00pm

After considering the requested arrangements, the Local Traffic Committee, subject to a number of conditions, raised no objection to the proposal.

ISSUES

Legal

30 In order to temporarily close an unclassified or regional road, Council is required to follow the process of Delegated Function from the RTA for the regulation of traffic on such a road.

Policy

No impact.

Social / Cultural

Organisers have advised that this will be the 29th Merimbula Jazz Festival.

Economic

The festival brings many visitors to the area.

Consultation

40 With the exception of the above-mentioned need for a full time *Bus Zone* on Market Street outside Twyford Hall for the duration of the 3-day event, no particular traffic issues have been brought to the attention of the Local Traffic Committee as a result of the 2008 event.

Financial

There would be some cost to Council in arranging for organisers to borrow signs.

Operational Plan

Consistent with the aims of the plan.

CONCLUSION

50 That, subject to conditions, closure of sections of Merimbula Drive, Market Street and Beach Street on Saturday 6 June 2009 for the *Merimbula Jazz Festival* street parade can be approved. It is also appropriate that the existing *Bus Zone* on Market Street outside Twyford Hall be a full time zone for the duration of the 3-day festival.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That, subject to the following conditions, on Saturday 6 June 2009 Beach Street be temporarily closed between Market Street and Alice Street from 10.30am to 1.00pm, Market Street be temporarily closed between Main Street and Monaro Street from 10.30am to 11.15am and Merimbula Drive be temporarily closed between Sapphire Coast Drive and Market Street from 10.30am to 11.15am for the *Merimbula Jazz Festival* street parade:-
 - 60 • The street parade on Saturday 6 June 2009 be conducted under an approved Traffic Control Plan achieving the RTA Traffic Control Manual for a Class 2 special event.
 - The organisers have approved public liability insurance of at least \$20,000,000 indemnifying Council by name.
 - The organisers have written Police and RTA approval prior to conducting the event.

2. That the existing time-restricted *Bus Zone* on the east side of Market Street, Merimbula, just north of Beach Street, be established as a full time *Bus Zone* from 5.00pm on Friday 5 June 2009 to 5.00pm on Monday 8 June 2009.
3. That organisers be advised of the above as soon as possible.